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don't know how they administer it. That is an administrative function and I don't know just what formula they have or if they have one or not. I know that all of you cities, when you.. or subdivisions, when you request these funds, I couldn't tell you how, what formula, that they say you can have one and I can't for my town. I wouldn't be able to answer that question. I will be very honest with you. I mean, I don't know what their formula is. I really don't.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The Game Commission could allocate these funds to the Natural Resources Districts as well as a city or county. Is that right?

SENATOR SYAS: I think so.

SENATOR SCHMIT: OK. Thank you very much

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall 271 advance. Record your vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 195. The chair recognizes Senator Wiltse.

SENATOR WILTSE: As a sponsor of 195, this bill came up from my particular district due to the fact that we'd had a good many hunters coming in from the south side and from the east hunting two animals out of season. These states have no season on raccoons or opossums and we have drawn a bill we think will take care of the problem since we want to put them under the Games Department, with their control, and placing a limited time on the period that they can be hunted. I think I have....

PRESIDENT: Senator Wiltse, the chair made an error. The Clerk has to read the title, but the Clerk is having plenty of problems right now of his own.

CLERK: LB 195 introduced by Senator Wiltse. Read title. There are no Committee amendments. There are some other amendments pending by Senator Syas.

PRESIDENT: OK. Senator Syas first and then we will come back to you, Senator Wiltse. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I move the amendment be adopted and I will tell you what the amendment does. In the hearing, the Game Commission said that this bill would allow you to take opossum and raccoon by a hunting license or a trapping license. After we put the bill out, they came to me and I think they did the same thing to Senator Wiltse and said, no, they made an error, in their statement in testimony before the Committee. That the present bill, the way it's worded would only allow you to take, unless you were the farmer protecting your land, of course, that's open. You can do that anytime. With a fur bearing license, I mean a trapping license. What this amendment does, and it was given to me by the Game Commission, to correct the error in their testimony that this amendment would allow you to take these animals with a hunting license or a trapping license. In other words, fixed up the bill that they inadvertently said it did it in the first place but they admitted they made an error. We have to have the amendment to allow you to shoot a raccoon and a opossum with a hunting license. Otherwise,